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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/986,695
Confirmation Number	5833
Filing Date	November 9, 2001
First Named Inventor	Hideo YAMAMOTO
Group Art Unit	2644
Examiner Name	Andrew R. GRAHAM
Matter Number	Q67179
Title	VOLUME CONTROLLER

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply 03/17/2005 SZEWDIE1 00000032 09986695 790.00 OP
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 01 FC:1801
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time 03/17/2005 SZEWDIE1 00000032 09986695 450.00 OP
- v. ☐ Other 02 FC:1252

2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES

Checks for the RCE statutory fee of \$790.00 and for the Petition fee of \$450.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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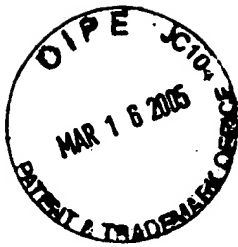
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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q67179

Hideo YAMAMOTO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/986,695

Group Art Unit: 2644

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Filed: November 09, 2001

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 1, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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